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NORTHERNMOST BATTLES. Incidents of Two Civil War Conflicts

That Took Place in Missourt. During the last term of the Schuyler county (Mo.) court a discussion arose among the attorneys one even-

ing as to the location of the most northern battle of the civil war, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Several of the United States histories refer back to Lee's attack on Meade at Gettysburg as the scene of the most northern battle. There was a skirmish at Lancaster, Mo., in November, 1861, and a regular pitched battle at Athens, in Clarke county, Mo., in which several were killed on both sides. The latter fight occurred the first Monday in August of that year. Both of these points are 60 or 70 miles north of Gettysburg, and very close to the Iowa line. In all three of these northern battles of the war the federals were victorious.

N. T. Roberts, of Lancaster, was a private on the left wing of Col. Martin Green's 'confederate army at Athens, and he tells the story of the battle as follows:

"The day the fight occurred was election day in Missouri. We belonged to what was called the Missouri state guards. Our regiment was raised almost entirely from the First congresdonal district. By previous arrange ment we met near Edina, in Knor county, where we were under the command of Col. Green. There were about 8,000 federals near Edina, who evacmated without any resistance and



went to Macon City. We ran the confederate flag up on the courthouse Wysong, J. H. Fox, Edward Riggs, and began to think we were able to David Bell, John H. Oldham, Elbert settle the war ourselves. Our boys Hamilton, Dr. A. C. Rowe and Frank were about 1,700 strong at that time, E. Drake. but there was no attempt at discipline, and they came and went pretty much as they pleased. They were armed with single and double-barreled They Couldn't Pull a Trigger on shotguns, corn knives, old powder pistols, pitchforks and anything that could be used in a scrimmage. We must have looked something like the we weren't near as dangerous.

of Capts. Buford and Shacklett. We der perfect control. were held in reserve and were to re- "He swept in a circle to where the enforcements arrived Col. Moore orfiring line and yelled out: 'Come on, boys; let's give 'em h-ll!'

a hero, and had his face covered with at my side: 'Why didn't you shoot?" dust and his hands begrimed with Looking up in a dazed sort of way, he powder, when he heard his father's said: 'He-he was too doggoned vigorous command turned to the rest brave. I couldn't pull a trigger on a and said: 'The jig's up, fellows; the man like him.'" old man's mad, and there's no use bucking against him any longer. I know him! You all do as you want

to, but I'm going away!'
"And he did. The worst of it was, the captain. the rest of the confederates did the same thing. The retreat became a lieutenant, "that he used to play on rout in short order. The left wing a college football team, and when the saw how the center and right were order to charge was given he tried to behaving, and it prepared to follow make a dash around the end to score the example. Lieut. Tom Russell, of a touchdown. I guess he made it all our company-as brave a man as ever right, but in some ways the game of drew a sword-saw us wavering, and war is played differently and he eried out:

"For God's sake, boys, you are not going to run without firing your guns, are you? Let's give 'em one for luck, anyhow! Let 'em have it square in the face!'

"But there were few kindred spir-Its there, and most of the raw soldiers surned about and skedaddled without waiting to empty their rifles. We had with us a couple of cannon and man- grandmother, "you're a regular little pers next day in giving an account of "Don't know, granny. S'pose it's just sood luck."—Tit-Bits.

Col. Moore's forces. I knew that was not right, because some of our men returned a few days afterward along the route taken by the panic-stricken soldiers and found the cannon where

they had been hidden among some hazel bushes.

"About 700 confederates went into dropped out of the command when we started for Athens owing to their inability to get guns. The federals were better equipped and were better dis-ciplined. Our boys were holding their own pretty well, but when they heard of the reenforcements coming to the support of the enemy they were overome with stage fright, and nothing could stop them. One poor fellow didn't stop running until he reached Lancaster. Yes, I ran like the rest of them, but I didn't go far-at that time I didn't know where Lancaster was. It was my first and only battle, and, as Bob Burdette says, 'I guess I killed as many federals as they did

Some of the men who were foremost in the retreat on that eventful day joined the regular army under Gen. Price and made first-class soldiers. There were four or five men killed on each side and many confederates wounded.

After the battle of Athens the union forces had it pretty much their own way in northern Missouri In November, Col. David Moore started westward with his command. He met no opposition until near Lancaster, where he encountered a small force of confederates under Capt. John McCully. The confederates, although considerably outnumbered, stood their ground valiantly for a short time, then retreated, leaving four of their dead behind them. The fight took place on the 24th. Mc-Cully and his two sons were killed, and one on the federal side. In August, 1862, Capt. William Searcy,

with a company of about 80 men, entered Lancaster and attempted to take the town. It is said that Searcy beonged to Price's army, and was out reeruiting. Capt. Robert Mays, who had charge of the militia at Lancaster, was out of town, and it is supposed that Searcy invaded the town on learning of his absence. The greater part of the militia ran away, but 14 dauntless spirits barricaded the courthouse and prepared to stand a siege. Searcy's men killed a guard as they entered the town, and a negro who was trying to escape. Searcy himself was shot in the breast by the men in the courthouse, and his companions retreated with their wounded leader. Three balls entered his breast inside of a space that could have been covered with one hand. His men took him to the home of William C. Taylor, a mile and a half out of town, and there left him. When the militia returned to Lancaster they learned of Searcy's whereabouts, and went out and captured him. Although hadly wounded, he recovered rapidly, and was soon taken to Macon as a prisner of war.

On the 25th of September, 1862, Searcy and nine other prisoners were Rev. R. W. Landis, chaplain of Merrill's army offered a touching invocation for the souls of the condemned, who knelt facing the firing Searcy's fate were James H. Hall, J. A.

TOO DOGGONED BRAVE.

Man Who Showed Such Magnificent Courage.

"There were a good many extraormob that stormed the Bastile, only dinary scenes at Stone river," said the major, in the Chicago Inter "While we were in Edina we learned Ocean, "but the one that stands out that Col. David Moore, in command of like a picture in memory has for its a good-sized federal force, was at central figure a confederate artillery-Athens. Our boys were keen for a man. Our regiment was charging a fight, and they vociferously demand- confederate battery. We were not ed to be led against the enemy. So more than 100 yards from the guns, we started out on the march, and when all but one were whirled away. when the center and right wings As we were climbing a stone fence, charged into the town we supposed and getting ready for a rush, there our banner would soon be floating came sweeping up from the confedfrom the church spire. I was on the erate rear a full team of artillery left wing, which was under command horses, the postilion having them un-

enforce the center and right in case one gun of the battery had been left, we were needed. We could hear the two or three men crept out from the firing, which seemed to grow hotter low breastworks near, in two minutes and hotter all the time, though we the horses were hitched to the gun were not in it. By and by there was carriage, and the driver turned them a great cheer from the town, and we toward us, and came down upon us heard the federals had been reen- at a sweeping gallop. Then he made forced by several companies from Ke- a magnificent turn to the left, veered okuk. John and Will Moore, sons of around toward the confederate rear, the federal commander, were fighting and went at a gallop away from us with the confederates. When the re- As he turned he raised his hat, and dered them up to the support of the thing about it was that not a man in our own company fired at him. "John Moore, who was fighting like best shots in the company, who stood asked an old deer hunter, one of the

> How It Happened. "How did that volunteer happen to get captured by the enemy?" asked

> "Why, the fact is," explained the couldn't get back."-Chicago Post.

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